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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

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ANNOTATIONS

1. Election of officers

Rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that committees other than Main Committees "shall elect a Chairman, one or more Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. These officers shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, experience and personal competence".

In past years, the Committee on Conferences has elected, in addition to the Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur.

At its organizational session for 1989, on 1 March 1989, the Committee agreed in principle that henceforth the chairmanship would rotate annually among the regional groups.

2. Adoption of the agenda

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

3. Organization of work for 1995

At its 341st meeting, on 27 August 1992, 1/ the Committee on Conferences decided to maintain its biennial programme of work, dealing with items relating to documentation in even years, and those relating to meetings in odd years. The Committee also decided that some items would be considered on an annual basis.

At its organizational session for 1994, on 8 April 1994, the Committee adopted its agenda for 1994 and requested the Secretariat to present a draft biennial agenda for 1995-1996 to the Committee at its organizational session for 1995.

At its substantive session of 1994, the Committee on Conferences decided that requests for inter-sessional departures submitted to the Committee should, in future, be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

Moreover, meetings may be required in compliance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, by which the proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made during sessions of the Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.

In its decision 1988/103 of 5 February 1988, the Economic and Social Council decided to invite the Committee to review the Council's draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings and to submit, as appropriate, its recommendations thereon to the Council. It is envisaged that the Committee may therefore be required to meet in mid-1995 to review the Council's draft calendar for the biennium 1996-1997.

4. Programme of work for 1995

The terms of reference of the Committee are set forth in paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988. As noted above, the Committee adopted its agenda for 1995 at its organizational session for 1994 and requested the Secretariat to present a draft biennial agenda for 1995-1996 to the Committee at its organizational session for 1995.

A draft agenda for the biennium and a draft annotated agenda for 1995 will be issued as an addendum to the present document. The Committee may also wish to determine the timing and duration of its substantive session of 1995 and to specify the documentation requirements.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32 (A/47/32).